

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from Eisenach and the Kindel Troop
Training Grounds

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REMARKS _____

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1. On 18 April 1953, the first arrival of troops was observed at the Kindel troop training grounds. Unloadings observed at Eisenach on 18 and 19 April included:

At 6:15 a.m. on 18 April. About 150 troops with black-bordered black epaulets; 4 light AA guns; and 24 trucks with pontoons,

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At 11:25 a.m. on 18 April. About 250 troops with black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets; billeting equipment; ammunition boxes; 4 tanks; 1 sedan; 2 jeeps with machine guns; trucks towing 11 light artillery pieces, probably AT guns.

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the troops came from Nietleben - Halle. The unit left the Eisenach railroad station for the Kindel troop training grounds along Highway No 84. ²

At 10:20 a.m. on 19 April. About 300 troops, billeting equipment, 30 ammunition boxes, and about 45 trucks.

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25X1 25X1 2. [redacted] at Melborn on the southern perimeter of the troop training grounds a bridge via the Nesse River was reinforced. [redacted] the auxiliary autobahn bridge north of Eisenach southwest of Stockhausen was reinforced by strong iron girders and made suitable for tanks. The construction work of the right autobahn lane coming from the direction of Erfurt was completed and no other works of the same kind were observed.

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25X1 4. At about 10 p.m. on 20 April, troop trains unloaded at Eisenach included: a train with about 175 troops, billeting equipment, 42 tanks and 15 trucks; and another train with about 175 troops, boxes, billeting equipment, 43 tanks, 2 sedans and 14 trucks.

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the arrival of components of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div at Kindel. The troops were loaded at Naumburg between 15 and 20 April 1953 and include the 67th Engr Bn (US) of the division. [redacted] The 85 tanks are believed to include a number of SP guns and probably belong to the 17th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Weissenfels. A loading at Weissenfels was not reported.

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. Only four vehicles of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle were observed. The movement of the 21st Gds Mecz Div to Lossa has been repeatedly confirmed.

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